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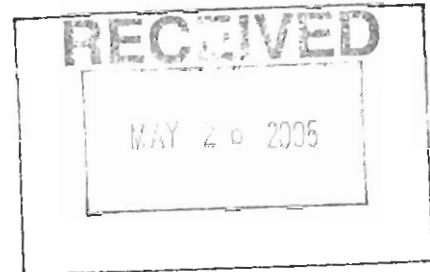
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Honorable Joseph J. Farnan, Jr.
United States District Court
844 King Street
Wilmington, DE 19801



Re: In re: NorthWestern Corporation
Bankruptcy Case No. 03-12872

Magten Asset Management Corporation v. Hastings, et al
C.A. No. 04-1279

Magten Asset Management Corporation v. NorthWestern Corp.
C.A. No. 04-1508

Magten Asset Management Corporation v. Northwestern Corp., et al.
C.A. No. 04-1389

Dear Judge Farnan:

Following the conclusion of unsuccessful mediation efforts on my part, one of the mediating parties called to my attention that my firm had represented another of the mediating parties in a closed matter in the underlying bankruptcy case. The closed matter was unrelated to the issues subject to mediation. Our conflict check disclosed a closed matter, but it was not until it was just brought to my attention did I learn that the closed matter involved one of the parties in the mediation.

I have been asked by one of the mediating parties to bring this issue to the Court's attention in the event that any of the parties believe that mediation should continue without my involvement. If the Court has further questions about this issue, I will respond immediately.

Respectfully,


Collins J. Seitz, Jr.

CJS,Jr./saj

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